

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

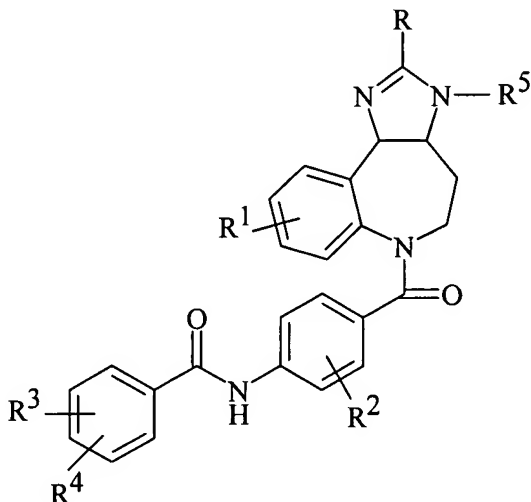
LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (cancelled)

Claim 2 (cancelled)

Claim 3 (currently amended): A pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 1 employing comprising an effective amount of a diuretic agent and an effective amount of a vasopressin antagonist of Formula I



wherein R and R⁵ are hydrogen or lower alkyl;
R¹, R², and R³ independently are hydrogen, halo, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, amino, alkylamino, or dialkylamino; and
R⁴ is hydrogen, phenyl or substituted phenyl, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A composition according to Claim 3 ~~in which~~ wherein the vasopressin antagonist is conivaptan.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A composition according to Claim 2 ~~3~~ employing wherein the diuretic is furosemide.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A composition according to Claim 5 ~~employing~~ wherein the vasopressin antagonist is conivaptan.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A method for ~~preventing and treating~~ congestive heart failure and other edematous conditions in a mammal comprising administering an effective amount of a ~~combination of at least one diuretic agent and at least one vasopressin antagonist~~ pharmaceutical composition of claim 3.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A method according to Claim 7 wherein ~~furosemide is administered in combination with conivaptan~~ the pharmaceutical composition comprises conivaptan and furosemide.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A method for inhibiting excretion of sodium ions in the urine of an animal comprising administering to the animal an effective amount of a ~~diuretic in combination with a vasopressin antagonist~~ pharmaceutical composition of claim 3.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A method according to Claim 9 wherein the ~~diuretic administered is a loop diuretic~~ pharmaceutical composition comprises furosemide.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A method according to Claim 10 wherein ~~furosemide is administered in combination with conivaptan~~ the pharmaceutical composition further comprises conivaptan.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A method for inhibiting the excretion of potassium ions in the urine of an animal comprising administering to the animal an effective amount of a ~~diuretic in combination with a vasopressin antagonist~~ pharmaceutical composition of claim 3.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A method according to Claim 12 wherein the ~~diuretic is a~~
pharmaceutical composition comprises a loop diuretic.

Claim 14 (currently amended): A method according to Claim 13 wherein ~~furosemide is~~
~~administered in combination with conivaptan~~ the pharmaceutical composition further
comprises conivaptan and furosemide.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A method for treating edematous states in an animal comprising
administering an effective amount of a ~~diuretic agent in combination with a vasopressin~~
~~antagonist~~ pharmaceutical composition of claim 3.